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USAID FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM IN BANGLADESH SHARE RESULTS AND WAY FORWARD WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

DHAKA, August 13, 2015 —The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) presented the achievements and lessons learned from the most recent phase of its Food for Peace (FFP) program at an event widely attended by prominent members of the Government of Bangladesh as well as development partners and practitioners, international and local NGOs, implementing partners, media, and other stakeholders. The U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat, USAID Bangladesh Mission Director Janina Jaruzelski, and Bangladesh's Minister of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives (LGRD) Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain attended the event.

Since 2010, the Food for Peace program has played an integral role in ensuring food security and nutrition for households at the grassroots level. Through the Food for Peace program, USAID partnered with local government, traditional leaders and civil society groups to educate people, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, about nutrition, water and sanitation. These programs focused on extremely poor people living in the south, southwest and northern regions, many of whom were landless and extremely malnourished. Since its inception in May 2010, the current five-year, \$210 million Food for Peace program has reached more than 650,000 food-insecure households through activities to improve animal health, agriculture, maternal and child health and rural livelihoods. Although this phase of the program will end this year, a new five-year, \$180 million phase will follow. The USAID-funded Food for Peace program has been implemented by CARE, Save the Children International, and ACDI/VOCA, in close collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh.

The U.S. Government, through USAID, has provided over \$6 billion in development assistance to Bangladesh since 1971. In 2013, USAID provided nearly \$200 million to improve the lives of people in Bangladesh. USAID supports programs in Bangladesh that: promote democratic institutions and practices, expand food security and economic opportunity, improve health and education services, and increase resiliency to climate change through adaptation and low carbon development.

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